

Uinta Basin

Oil and Gas Operators

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- Proposed Oil and Gas Related National Rulemakings
- Methane/VOC Regulatory Updates
- Tribal NSR Federal Implementation Plan (FIP)
- Definition of Source

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Proposed Oil and Gas Related Rulemakings

Methane/VOC Regulatory Updates – NSPS OOOO Revisions and Control Techniques Guidelines

- * EPA proposed revisions to build on our 2012 New Source Performance Standards for the oil and gas industry to reduce methane emissions and to achieve additional reductions in VOC emissions.
- This rule would apply to new sources nationwide – including to sources in Indian Country
- Draft Control Techniques Guidelines – or CTGs – provide states guidelines for requiring VOC reductions from existing sources in ozone nonattainment areas that are classified as moderate and above. (See Handout)

Proposed Oil and Gas Related Rulemakings

- EPA proposed a national Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for implementing the Tribal Minor NSR Program for new and modified oil and gas production sources in Indian country.
 - Proposed FIP would be in lieu of site by site permitting for sources in attainment areas.
- EPA proposed to revise the definition of source under 40 CFR 52.21 (PSD) permitting regulations for certain oil and gas emission units.

Proposed Oil and Gas Related Rulemakings

- The proposed rules (NSPS/CTGs, Tribal NSR, and Source Definition) will be published together soon in the FR.
- 60 day comment period after publication.
- Public hearings scheduled for Sept 23 (Denver and Dallas) and Sept 29 (Pittsburgh).
- Plan to finalize all three rules Summer 2016.

Approaches in Indian Country for Control of Existing Sources

- If necessary and appropriate, EPA may issue a site-specific FIP for tribal lands at risk of becoming non-attainment status, consistent with EPA's Tribal Authority Rule.
- From the proposed Tribal NSR FIP: *"The EPA's plan is to address existing sources, to the extent necessary, in the context of area- or reservation-specific FIPs designed to address areas or reservations with air quality issues (including nonattainment areas), as they arise, that are associated with oil and natural gas activities."*

Questions?